# Tonbridge Rural District Council.

# ANNUAL REPORT

for 1967

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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## TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

### HEALTH COMMITTEE:
(Constitution at 31st December, 1967)

Chairman of Council Councillor W. Morland, J.P.
Councillor H.J.L. Harris (Chairman)
'Councillor Mrs. M. Hewson (Vice-Chairman)

*Councillor Miss F.B. Buggs
Councillor R.L. Fagg
Councillor Dr. R.G. Henderson
Councillor Lt. Col. J.W. Lawson
*Councillor J. Packham
Councillor J. Parsons
Councillor Brig. C.J.C. Sherman
Councillor G.S. Sturgeon
Councillor P.H. Toy
Councillor Mrs. E.K. Winter

*Members on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee
'Standing Deputy on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

## STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

P.A. CROWLEY, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

(also Principal Medical Officer, Kent County Council (Area No.4); Visiting Medical Officer, Hawkenbury Hospital Isolation Wing)

### DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

DOROTHY N. IRONSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(also Assistant County Medical Officer, Kent County Council)

(Appointed 1.1.67)

## CLERICAL STAFF

TUNBRIDGE WELLS OFFICE:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. D.E. Tebbit
Second Clerk: Mrs. A.D. Simmons

TONBRIDGE OFFICE:

Chief Clerk: Mrs. E.M. Tibbles
Typist/Clerk: Mrs. M. Webster

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:

Chief Public Health Inspector:
W.J. Davies (a and d)

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector:
E.J. Griffiths (a and d)

Additional Public Health Inspector:
J.M. Lucas (b and d)

Meat Inspector:
P. Costema (i)

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk:
Miss L. Curson

Rodent Operator:
R.A. Pomfret

(a) Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board
(b) Certificate of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
(c) Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors' Education Board
(d) Meat and Other Foods Inspection Certificate of Royal Society of Health
(e) Smoke Inspectors' Certificate of Royal Society of Health
(f) Sanitary Science Certificate of Royal Society of Health
(g) Diploma, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene
(h) Diploma of Shops Acts Administration
(i) Royal Society of Health Certificate in Meat Inspection

Mr. R.C. Spalding, M.A., F.R.I.C., acts as County Analyst for the District

# TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

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June, 1968.

To the Chairman and Members of the Tonbridge Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for your District for 1967. This is the first occasion that a separate report has been published for each of the seven constituent authorities in the South West Kent Joint Health Area.

Group statistics for the seven Districts are given on pages 7 to 10 for comparison purposes. Details of the County Services available in the District are included in the Report and I hope these will prove of value.

The first part of the Report deals with Staff, Statistics, Health Services and Infectious Disease, and the second part deals with Sanitary Circumstances of the District, Housing, and Inspection and Supervision of Food. A separate report by the Chief Public Health Inspector is not given but the record of the work is incorporated and I am very grateful to Mr. Davies for his valued contribution towards the compilation of this Report.

The POPULATION for the District, as estimated by the Registrar-General for mid 1967, was 28,490, an increase of 430 over the mid 1966 figure.

The Population for the Joint Health Area for mid 1967 was 189,000, an increase of 1,890 over the mid 1966 figure.

The CRUDE BIRTH RATE (number of births per 1,000 population) for the District in 1967 was 17.1, compared with 22.02 in the previous year. The ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE for the District was 17.6, compared with 22.68 in the previous year. The Birth Rate for England and Wales in 1967 was 17.2.

The CRUDE DEATH RATE (number of deaths per 1,000 population) for the District in 1967 was 10.9, compared with 10.26 in the previous year. The ADJUSTED DEATH RATE for the District was 9.4, compared with 8.72 in the previous year. The Death Rate for England and Wales in 1967 was 11.2.

The INFANT MORTALITY RATE (number of deaths of infants under one year of age) per 1,000 live births for the District in 1967 was 19.0 compared with 12.94 for the District in the previous year. The Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 18.3. A table showing the causes of deaths of infants in the Rural District is given on page 11.

The NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (number of deaths of infants under four weeks) per 1,000 live births for the District in 1967 was 10.3, compared with 8.09 in the previous year. The neo-natal mortality rate for England and Wales was 12.5.

The EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (number of deaths of infants under one week) per 1,000 live births for the District in 1967 was 10.3, compared with 6.47 in the previous year.

The PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined) per 1,000 live and stillbirths for the District in 1967 was 20.0, compared with 19.17 in the previous year. The Peri-Natal Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 25.4.

No MATERNAL DEATH occurred in the District in 1967.

CAUSES OF DEATH. A table supplied by the Registrar-General showing the causes of death is given on pages 9 and 10. The commonest cause of death in the Rural District in 1967 was Coronary Disease - 57 deaths, an increase of 9 over the figure for the previous year.

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasm of Lung or Bronchus in the District during the year were 17 male and 9 female, and a table showing deaths from this cause for the District during the past 10 years is given on page 11.

Deaths occuring in the District from Motor Vehicle Accidents numbered 6, compared with 3 in the previous year. Deaths from all other accidents totalled 3, compared with 7 in the previous year.

## Infectious Disease

The number of cases of infectious disease notified in the District is given on pages 12 and 13.

I am pleased to report that no cases of Diphtheria or Acute Poliomyelitis were notified in the District during 1967.

Measles was prevalent during the year; a total of 600 cases were notified, the greatest number being in the months of March and April. No deaths occurred.

The cases of Sonne Dysentery notified, occurred in families living in one of the Parishes in the Rural District.

Small outbreaks of Scarlet Fever occurred in two Parishes; the cases were of a mild type.

There was an unusually high incidence of Whooping Cough in a part of the District during the summer months. The cases were clinically very mild.

## Tuberculosis

During 1967 six new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified; one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred. In 1966 the figures were- New Cases 7 Pulmonary; Deaths 3 Pulmonary.

## Immunisation and Vaccination

On pages 15 and 16 of the Report, figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer are given showing the number of persons vaccinated against Poliomyelitis and Smallpox, and also the number of persons immunised against Diphtheria with Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

## Home Safety

Valuable work continued to be carried out during the year by the Home Safety Committee.

In conclusion, I should like to thank the Members, Chief Officers and Officials of the Council for their interest and support, and the Staff of the Health Department for their loyalty and conscientious work during the year. I should also like to thank the Medical Practitioners and Voluntary Workers for their co-operation during 1967.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.A. CROWLEY

Medical Officer of Health

## GENERAL STATISTICS

| | |
|---|---|
| Area: | 41,687 acres |
| Population: | |
| (R.G.'s Estimate mid 1967) | 28,490 |
| (R.G.'s Estimate mid 1966) | 28,060 |
| Density of population, i.e. number of persons per acre: | 0.7 |
| Number of inhabited houses: | 9,815 |
| Rateable value: | £1,052,321 |
| Sum produced by a penny rate: | £4,250 |

## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1967

| | | | Cranbrook R.D. | Sevenoaks R.D. | Sevenoaks U.D. | Southborough U.D. | Tonbridge R.D. | Tonbridge U.D. | Tunbridge Wells Borough | Joint Health Area |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LIVE BIRTHS | LEGITIMATE: | Male | 117 | 321 | 108 | 59 | 239 | 318 | 309 | 1,471 |
| | | Female | 97 | 276 | 78 | 58 | 213 | 296 | 298 | 1,316 |
| | | Total | 214 | 597 | 186 | 117 | 452 | 614 | 607 | 2,787 |
| | ILLEGITIMATE: | Male | 7 | 17 | 7 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 35 | 98 |
| | | Female | 8 | 19 | 14 | 5 | 20 | 12 | 33 | 111 |
| | | Total | 15 | 36 | 21 | 8 | 34 | 27 | 68 | 209 |
| TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS | | | 229 | 633 | 207 | 125 | 486 | 641 | 675 | 2,996 |
| CRUDE BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of mid-year population 1967 | | | 13.9 | 14.4 | 11.4 | 12.7 | 17.1 | 22.5 | 15.5 | 15.8 |
| Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General | | | 1.26 | 1.07 | 1.13 | 1.14 | 1.03 | 0.98 | 1.10 | - |
| ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE | | | 17.5 | 15.4 | 12.9 | 14.5 | 17.6 | 22.1 | 17.1 | - |
| STILL BIRTHS | LEGITIMATE: | Male | 1 | 3 | 3 | - | 2 | 4 | 6 | 19 |
| | | Female | - | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 14 |
| | | Total | 1 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 9 | 33 |
| | ILLEGITIMATE: | Male | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| | | Female | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | Total | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| TOTAL STILL BIRTHS | | | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 35 |
| STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births | | | 4.0 | 11.0 | 28.0 | 8.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 11.5 |
| TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS | | | 230 | 640 | 213 | 126 | 491 | 647 | 684 | 3,031 |

| | Cranbrook R.D. | Sevenoaks R.D. | Sevenoaks U.D. | Southborough U.D. | Tonbridge R.D. | Tonbridge U.D. | Tunbridge Wells Borough | Joint Health Area |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| INFANT DEATHS (under one year) Male | 2 | 5 | 1 | - | 5 | 3 | 9 | 25 |
| Female | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 17 |
| Total | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 42 |
| INFANT MORTALITY RATES:- All infants per 1,000 live births | 13.0 | 11.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 | 19.0 | 12.0 | 19.0 | 14.0 |
| NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births | 13.0 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 10.3 | 9.4 | 8.9 | 8.7 |
| EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births | 8.7 | 7.9 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 10.3 | 6.2 | 7.4 | 7.3 |
| PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births | 13.0 | 19.0 | 28.0 | 16.0 | 20.0 | 15.0 | 20.0 | 18.8 |
| MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| DEATHS Male | 88 | 175 | 92 | 51 | 166 | 137 | 268 | 977 |
| Female | 97 | 189 | 107 | 63 | 145 | 143 | 426 | 1,170 |
| Total | 185 | 364 | 199 | 114 | 311 | 280 | 694 | 2,147 |
| CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid-year population 1967 | 11.2 | 8.3 | 10.9 | 11.6 | 10.9 | 9.8 | 16.0 | 11.4 |
| Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General | 0.90 | 0.96 | 0.79 | 0.81 | 0.86 | 0.95 | 0.56 | - |
| ADJUSTED DEATH RATE | 10.1 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 9.0 | - |

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)
(1)

| | Joint Health Area | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| | M | F | |
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Tuberculosis, other | - | 1 | 1 |
| Syphlitic disease | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | - | - | - |
| Meningococcal Infections | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | - | - | - |
| Measles | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 30 | 14 | 44 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 83 | 27 | 110 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 41 | 41 |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - | 14 | 14 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 93 | 106 | 199 |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia | 6 | 5 | 11 |
| Diabetes | 8 | 7 | 15 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 115 | 177 | 292 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 258 | 192 | 450 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 11 | 26 | 37 |
| Other heart disease | 78 | 215 | 293 |
| Other circulatory disease | 48 | 75 | 123 |
| Influenza | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Pneumonia | 45 | 87 | 132 |
| Bronchitis | 56 | 25 | 81 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 14 | 11 | 25 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea | 3 | 8 | 11 |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 5 | - | 5 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | - | - |
| Congenital Malformations | 9 | 3 | 12 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 56 | 84 | 140 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 19 | 9 | 28 |
| All other accidents | 10 | 19 | 29 |
| Suicide | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| Homicide and operations of war | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 977 | 1,170 | 2,147 |

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)
(2)

| Cranbrook R.D. | | Sevenoaks R.D. | | Sevenoaks U.D. | | Southborough U.D. | | Tonbridge R.D. | | Tonbridge U.D. | | Tunbridge Wells Borough | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - |
| 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | - | 4 | - | 5 | 3 | 8 | 5 |
| 4 | 2 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 12 | 2 | 25 | 6 |
| - | 2 | - | 10 | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | 7 | - | 5 | - | 13 |
| - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 3 |
| 8 | 5 | 18 | 18 | 8 | 15 | 6 | 8 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 21 | 24 | 27 |
| - | - | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 9 | 13 | 18 | 22 | 7 | 15 | 5 | 11 | 23 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 33 | 75 |
| 36 | 22 | 54 | 33 | 30 | 22 | 15 | 9 | 37 | 20 | 30 | 29 | 56 | 57 |
| 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | - | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 18 | 13 | 28 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 15 | 20 | 8 | 23 | 27 | 112 |
| 3 | 13 | 5 | 13 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 4 | 24 | 21 |
| 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| 6 | 5 | 7 | 15 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 29 |
| 3 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 | - | 7 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 11 | 9 |
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 5 |
| - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | 1 | 4 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 3 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 38 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 5 | 1 | 6 | - | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| - | - | 5 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 88 | 97 | 175 | 189 | 92 | 107 | 51 | 63 | 166 | 145 | 137 | 143 | 268 | 426 |

## CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

| CAUSE OF DEATH | Under 24 hours | 1 day to 1 week | 1-2 weeks | 2-3 weeks | 3-4 weeks | Total under 4 weeks | 1-3 mths. | 3-6 mths. | 6-9 mths. | 9-12 mths. | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Congenital Malformations | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| Prematurity | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Bronchitis | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Other defined and ill defined diseases | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| All other accidents | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 9 |

## DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS

| YEAR | 20 - 24 years | | 35 - 44 years | | 45 - 64 years | | 65 - 74 years | | 75 years and over | | TOTAL | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 1958 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 3 | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| 1959 | - | - | 1 | - | 7 | 1 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| 1960 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 5 |
| 1961 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 2 | 3 | - | - | - | 10 | 2 |
| 1962 | - | - | - | - | 7 | - | 3 | - | 2 | - | 12 | - |
| 1963 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 5 |
| 1964 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 3 | - | 3 | 1 | 10 | 2 |
| 1965 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | - | 10 | 4 |
| 1966 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| 1967 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 9 |
| TOTALS | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | 53 | 16 | 42 | 10 | 19 | 9 | 118 | 37 |

## AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

| | Total cases (all ages) | Under 1 year | 1 yr. | 2 yrs. | 3 yrs. | 4 yrs. | 5-9 yrs. | 10-14 yrs. | 15-24 yrs. | 25-44 yrs. | 45-64 yrs. | 65 and Over |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever | 32 | - | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 5 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 204 | 4 | 10 | 31 | 25 | 33 | 87 | 6 | 2 | 6 | - | - |
| Measles | 600 | 14 | 53 | 85 | 95 | 94 | 240 | 7 | 6 | 5 | - | 1 |
| Dysentery | 32 | - | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 4 | - | 10 | 3 | - |
| Meningococcal Infection | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paralytic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Paralytic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Encephalitis | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Infective | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Post Infectious | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Typhoid Fever | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Paratyphoid Fever | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Food Poisoning | 6 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 1 | - |
| Smallpox | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anthrax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tuberculosis | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| Meninges & C.N.S. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Forms | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 887 | 19 | 67 | 122 | 127 | 133 | 350 | 22 | 9 | 27 | 8 | 3 |

## SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

| DISEASE | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | APR. | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG. | SEPT. | OCT. | NOV. | DEC. | TOTALS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | - | 1 | 5 | 1 | - | 32 |
| Whooping Cough | - | 4 | 5 | 7 | 18 | 61 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 27 | 6 | 28 | 204 |
| Measles | 62 | 114 | 190 | 188 | 27 | 17 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 600 |
| Dysentery | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | 5 | 7 | 15 | 32 |
| Meningococcal Infection | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paralytic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Paralytic | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Diphtheria | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Pneumonia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Acute Encephalitis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Infective | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Post Infectious | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Typhoid Fever | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Paratyphoid Fever | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Erysipelas | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | 5 |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Smallpox | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Puerperal Pyrexia | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Anthrax | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tuberculosis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pulmonary | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Meninges & C.N.S. | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Forms | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| TOTALS | 69 | 121 | 198 | 197 | 50 | 92 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 42 | 14 | 44 | 887 |

## TUBERCULOSIS

| Age Periods | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| Under 1 year | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 year | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 - 4 years | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 9 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 - 14 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 19 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - 24 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 34 years | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - 44 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 54 years | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - 64 years | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| 65 - 74 years | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 75 and over | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 4 | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |

## TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

| | MALE | | FEMALE | | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | |
| Cases on register at beginning of year | 110 | 13 | 72 | 13 | 208 |
| Cases added | 5 | - | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| Cases removed | 16 | - | 10 | - | 26 |
| Cases remaining | 99 | 13 | 65 | 14 | 191 |

## NUMBER OF DEATHS AND DEATH RATES FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS

| Year | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Total Deaths | Rate per 1,000 | | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of cases notified | Deaths | No. of cases notified | Deaths | | Pulmonary | Non-Pulmonary | |
| *1958 | 17 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| 1959 | 16 | 3 | 1 | - | 3 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.12 |
| *1960 | 9 | - | 1 | - | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1961 | 9 | 3 | 1 | - | 3 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.12 |
| 1962 | 5 | 1 | 3 | - | 1 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.04 |
| 1963 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| *1964 | 6 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.04 |
| 1965 | 4 | - | 2 | - | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| *1966 | 7 | 3 | - | - | 3 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.11 |
| 1967 | 6 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.04 |

*Denotes year Mass Radiography Unit visited the District

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

(with Whooping Cough & Tetanus)

The following table gives the Diphtheria Immunisation (in combination) figures for the District for 1967, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

| Year of Birth | PRIMARY | | REINFORCING | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Triple | Diph/Tet. | Triple | Diph/Tet. |
| 1967 | 158 | 32 | - | - |
| 1966 | 286 | 17 | 4 | 5 |
| 1965 | 18 | 2 | 90 | 84 |
| 1964 | 9 | 1 | 68 | 35 |
| 1963 | 2 | - | 5 | 19 |
| 1960/62 | 2 | 4 | 108 | 182 |
| 1951/59 | - | 9 | 4 | 14 |
| TOTALS | 475 | 65 | 279 | 339 |

## POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

The following table gives the Poliomyelitis Vaccination figures for the District for 1967, based on the returns submitted to the Ministry of Health.

| Year of Birth | PRIMARY | REINFORCING |
|---|---|---|
| 1967 | 92 | - |
| 1966 | 427 | - |
| 1965 | 40 | - |
| 1964 | 10 | - |
| 1963 | 8 | 15 |
| 1960/62 | 4 | 371 |
| 1951/59 | 5 | 4 |
| TOTALS | 586 | 390 |

## SMALLPOX VACCINATION

The following table gives the vaccination figures for the year ended 31st December, 1967.

| Primary Vaccination 1 year | Re-Vaccination School age but under 8 years |
|---|---|
| 364 | 10 |

## REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act, 1963)

| | Number of Homes | Number of Beds provided for:- | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Maternity | Others | Total |
| Homes registered during year | - | - | - | - |
| Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year | - | - | - | - |
| Homes on register at end of year | 1 | - | 30 | 30 |

Visits of inspection, and special visits as required, are made to the above Nursing Home during the year.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47
## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

### Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr. A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks and Orpington.

### Staff Medical Examinations

During the year twenty-two medical examinations were carried out for the District for superannuation purposes.

### International Vaccination Certificates

There is an increasing demand for the authentication of Doctors' signatures on International Vaccination Certificates. This work involves, therefore, ever increasing demands on the time of the clerical staff. In connection with international travel, follow-up of persons arriving in this country without valid certificates is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health as and when requested by the Port Health Authority.

## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT

### provided by the Kent County Council

### Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station at 86A Speldhurst Road, Southborough. (Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23222)

### Principal Welfare Officer

Mr. G.H. Foster,
Kent County Council District Office,
39, Grove Hill Road,
Tunbridge Wells. Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342

### Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular district is usually known to the patient's doctor, but can be obtained from the District Office of the County Council.

### Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular district is obtainable from the District Office of the County Council.

### Domestic Help Service

Domestic Help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, mentally subnormal, aged or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Area Domestic Help Organiser - Miss L. McEwan,
39, Grove Hill Road,
Tunbridge Wells.
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342

District Domestic Help Organiser - Mrs. J. Gill,
Registrar of Births and Deaths Office,
Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge.
Tel. Tonbridge 2561

## Night and Evening Service

Evening Service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night Service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

## Family Care Service

After consultation with the Children's Department, this service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

## Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

## Health Visitors

| | |
|---|---|
| Mrs. Colbourn | Miss Kell |
| Mrs. Garnett | Miss Ridley |
| Miss Howard | Mrs. Watson |
| Mrs. Jones | |

Training Centre

| | |
|---|---|
| Coldharbour Lane,<br>Hildenborough. | Tel. Hildenborough 3028 |

Old People's Homes

| | |
|---|---|
| Oakhurst,<br>Hildenborough. | Tel. Weald 310 |
| Hardwick,<br>Coldharbour Lane,<br>Hildenborough. | Tel. Hildenborough 2092 |

Child Welfare Centres and Clinics

| Centre | Service | Day and Time |
|---|---|---|
| Bidborough,<br>Village Hall. | Child Welfare | 2nd & 4th Tues. P.M. |
| Brenchley,<br>Memorial Hall. | Child Welfare | 2nd & 4th Fri. P.M. |
| Capel,<br>Congregational Hall,<br>Five Oak Green. | Child Welfare | 1st & 3rd Fri. P.M. |
| Hadlow,<br>Memorial Hall. | Child Welfare | 2nd & 4th Thurs. P.M. |
| Hildenborough,<br>Village Hall. | Child Welfare | Tues. P.M. |
| Horsmonden,<br>Village Hall. | Child Welfare | 2nd & 4th Tues. P.M. |
| Lamberhurst,<br>Memorial Hall. | Child Welfare | 1st & 3rd Thurs. P.M. |
| Langton Green,<br>Watson Hall. | Child Welfare | 2nd & 4th Fri. P.M. |
| Paddock Wood,<br>St. Andrew's Church Hall. | Child Welfare<br>Immunisation and Vaccination | Thurs. A.M. & P.M.<br>1st Wed. P.M. |
| Paddock Wood,<br>Secondary School.<br>(Tel. Paddock Wood 199) | Dental | Alt. Tues. A.M. & P.M. |
| Pembury,<br>Church Institute,<br>Lower Green. | Child Welfare | 2nd & 4th Thurs. P.M. |

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

### Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells.
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital
Kent and Sussex Hospital
The Homoepathic Hospital
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital
Hawkenbury Hospital
Edenbridge and District Memorial Hospital
David Salomons House, Southborough

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:
Orpington Hospital, Orpington.
Tel. Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital
Oak Lane Hospital, Sevenoaks
Sundridge Hospital

### Chest Clinics

| Address | Days | Times |
|---|---|---|
| Baltic Road, Tonbridge. | Monday | All Day |
| Pembury Hospital, Pembury | Wednesday | 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. |
| Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells | Friday | All Day |
| Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Dept., Sevenoaks Hospital | Wednesday | Morning |

### Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells | Tuesday (females) | 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. |
| | Tuesday (males) | 11 a.m. to 12 noon |

## TONBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

### 1. Water Supply

The position with regard to water supplies continues to be as in previous years, the Mid Kent Water Company supplying water to the majority of the premises in the district, the remainder being supplied by the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company, the Tunbridge Wells Water Undertaking and the Mid Sussex Water Company. In addition a small number of premises receive piped supplies from private sources. Supplies during the year were sufficient and the quality generally satisfactory.

Examination reports on water samples taken during the year were as follows:-

| | Bacteriological Examination | | | Chemical Examination | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of samples | Satis-factory | Not satis-factory | No. of samples | Satis-factory | Not satis-factory |
| Statutory supply undertakings | 19 | 19 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Private sources piped to dwellings | 19 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 3 | - |
| Other private sources | - | - | - | - | - | - |

In Tonbridge Rural District 99% of the houses are supplied with piped water from public mains.

Difficulty was experienced with an Estate supply when the water became polluted at source and the treatment plant proved to be inadequate. Emergency measures were taken to ensure that the supply was made safe temporarily, and works are now in hand to provide the supply with new chlorination and filtration enquipment.

During the year the following mains extensions were carried out:-

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company

A total of 349 yds. of mains extensions were carried out within the Company's Statutory Area.

The Mid Kent Water Company

The Company laid 1,694 yards of mains extensions in Hadlow, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst and Paddock Wood, and now supply 5,969 properties in the District.

The Tunbridge Wells Water Undertaking

A total length of 1,176 yds. of 4" diameter main was laid at Langton.

Special reports have been received from the Water Companies on the plumbo-solvent action of their water supply, and it is clear from these that the lead content of the waters is well within the recognised safety limit of lead in a communal drinking water.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

Mr. G.L. Plastow, the Engineer and Surveyor, has kindly supplied the undermentioned information:-

Works carried out during 1967

(a) Pembury

Work was commenced during the year on the new sewage disposal works to serve Pembury and this is due for completion by the end of 1968. A new outfall sewer to this works has also been laid as part of the main contract.

(b) Paddock Wood

Main drainage has been provided for 15 properties and 22 caravans in the Queen Street area of Paddock Wood. This scheme involved the construction of an underground pumping station from which the sewage is pumped to the main Paddock Wood disposal works.

(c) Lamberhurst

Twenty-eight properties were connected to the new sewers laid in Furnace Lane, Lamberhurst, which drain to a new pumping station.

(d) Horsmonden

A short extension of the sewer was made in Lamberhurst Road to connect the drainage from two properties. Due to the Ministry's financial restrictions it was not possible to extend this still further to drain another 20 houses as outlined in last year's report.

(e) Works carried out by Private Developers

During the year the Council adopted a sewage pumping station, sewers and pumping main constructed by the Governors of Kent College, Pembury, to serve the school and adjoining properties.

The Council also adopted other soil and surface water sewers laid by private developers to serve new housing estates.

Future Programme

(a) Matfield, Brenchley and Horsmonden Regional Scheme

This regional scheme, including the treatment of sewage from the Maidstone Rural District Council, was submitted to the Ministry earlier in the year and a Local Inquiry is to be held in the Spring of 1968.

(b) Hadlow

Ministry approval was received early in the year to the Council's Scheme for extending the Hadlow sewage disposal works and for sewering the Golden Green and Barnes Street area, but owing to pressure of work and financial restrictions preparation of detailed drawings and tender documents for this scheme have been delayed.

(c) Hildenborough

The scheme for pumping the sewage from the whole of Hildenborough Parish to the Tonbridge Urban District Council's works for treatment has been submitted to the Ministry and it is hoped that a start will be made during 1968.

(d) Speldhurst

A scheme for the sewerage of the Blower's Hill area of Speldhurst has been prepared by a Consulting Engineer and is about to be submitted to the Ministry. This will serve a small estate being developed as well as providing main drainage for a further 20 existing properties in the vicinity.

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

A new tip has been opened at Biggenden, Brenchley, and tipping is alternating between this and the Council's other tip at Nevergood Farm, Horsmonden.

Trials have been initiated in parts of the district using a paper sack collection.

Under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, the Council are investigating the provision of a site or sites where ratepayers may deposit rubbish.

## 4. Swimming Pools

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of public swimming pools ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1 |
| Number of school swimming pools ... ... ... ... ... ... | 11 |
| Number of private swimming pools ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| Number of visits made during year ... ... ... ... ... ... | 30 |
| Number of samples taken: | |
| Satisfactory ... ... ... ... ... | 10 |
| Unsatisfactory ... ... ... ... | 2 |

## 5. Inspection of the District

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of complaints received and investigated ... ... ... | | 479 |
| Total number of visits of all kinds paid by Inspectors during the year ... ... ... ... | | 4,022 |
| Informal Notices: | Served during year ... ... ... ... | 177 |
| | Complied with during year ... ... ... | 127 |
| Statutory Notices: | Served during year ... ... ... ... | 11 |
| | Complied with during year | |
| | (a) by owners ... ... ... ... ... | 6 |
| | (b) by Local Authority in default ... ... | - |
| Legal proceedings taken during year ... ... ... ... ... | | - |

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during year:

| | |
|---|---|
| Housing ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1,325 |
| Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing) ... ... ... ... | 411 |
| Visits to Food Premises ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 348 |
| Visits re Food Complaints ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 34 |
| Swimming Pools ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 30 |
| Factories Act, 1961 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 93 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 ... ... ... ... | 98 |
| Shops Acts, 1950/65 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 182 |
| Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ... ... ... ... ... | 62 |
| Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957 ... ... ... ... | 28 |
| Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956 ... ... ... | 16 |
| Animals Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 ... ... ... ... | 13 |
| Hop Pickers' Camps ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 63 |
| Caravan Sites ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 71 |
| Atmospheric Pollution Prevention ... ... ... ... ... ... | 20 |
| Noise Abatement ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 3 |
| Infectious Disease Visits ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 163 |
| Slaughterhouses ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 857 |
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 205 |

## 6. Hop Pickers' Camps

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of camps in the District ... ... ... ... ... | Approx. 43 occupied or partly occupied |
| Number of huts in the District ... ... ... ... ... | Approx. 2,550 |
| Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers) ... ... | 3,000 |
| Number of inspections of hop pickers' camps during 1967 ... | 63 |

There is a general trend for the pickers to provide their own caravan accommodation and less number of huts are being used each year. Camp conditions were generally good. Particular attention was paid to refuse disposal and sanitary accommodation.

## 7. Disinfestation

The following infestations were dealt with:-

Ants 17; Flies 12; Cockroaches 13; Wasps 35;
Bees 7; Fleas 2; Woodlice 1; Martin Bugs 1;
Australian Spider Beetles 1; Grain Beetles 1;
Cellar Beetles 1; Earwigs 1;

## 8. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

| | TYPE OF PROPERTY | |
|---|---|---|
| | NON-AGRICULTURAL | AGRICULTURAL |
| 1. Number of properties in district | 10,200 | 480 |
| 2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification | 420 | 6 |
| (b) Number infested by (i) Rats | 360 | 5 |
| (ii) Mice | 41 | 1 |
| 3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification | 146 | 20 |
| (b) Number infested by (i) Rats | 201 | 79 |
| (ii) Mice | 7 | - |

SEWERS

Infestations found on previous occasions in the Parishes of Hildenborough and Lamberhurst were successfully treated.

ANNUAL CONTRACTS

The Council have entered into annual contracts for the treatment of a number of business and agricultural premises. The value of these contracts amounts to £260. 8s. 0d. per annum.

9. Rag, Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of registered premises ... ... ... ... ... ... Nil

10. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957

Number of licensed premises ... ... ... ... ... ... 6

Number of inspections made during the year ... ... ... ... 28

11. Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Number of inspections made and details of contraventions found ... 16
(no contraventions)

12. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Number of premises licensed ... ... ... ... ... ... 7

Number of visits made ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 12

13. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Number of dealers registered ... ... ... ... ... ... 25

14. Clean Air Act, 1956

Number of inspections made ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 20

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

### Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises | Number on Register | Number of | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority | 5 | 5 | 1 | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 74 | 74 | 17 | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 16 | 14 | 1 | - |
| Total | 95 | 93 | 19 | - |

2. Cases in which Defects were found

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred To H.M. Inspector | Referred By H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 15 | 9 | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Total | 20 | 14 | - | - | - |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

| Nature of Work | Section 133 | | | Section 134 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Chocolates and Sweetmeats | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

## OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

### (A) Registrations and General Inspections

| Class of Premises | Number of premises registered during the year | Number of registered premises at end of year | Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year |
|---|---|---|---|
| Offices | 1 | 23 | 5 |
| Retail Shops | 10 | 89 | 28 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | - | 2 | - |
| Catering establishments open to the public, canteens | 1 | 12 | 7 |
| Fuel Storage Depots | - | 2 | - |
| Totals: | 12 | 128 | 40 |

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act ... ... ... 98

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

| Section | Contraventions | No. found | Section | Contraventions | No. found |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Cleanliness | - | 13 | Sitting facilities | 1 |
| 5 | Overcrowding | - | 14 | Seats (Sedentary Workers) | - |
| 6 | Temperature | - | 15 | Eating Facilities | - |
| 7 | Ventilation | - | 16 | Floors, passage & stairs | 4 |
| 8 | Lighting | - | 17 | Fencing exposed parts machinery | 1 |
| 9 | Sanitary Conveniences | - | 18 | Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery | - |
| 10 | Washing Facilities | - | 19 | Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery | - |
| 11 | Supply of Drinking Water | - | 23 | Prohibition of heavy work | - |
| 12 | Clothing Accommodation | 6 | 24 | First Aid General Provisions | 3 |
| | | | | TOTAL | 15 |

The contraventions mentioned above are, except for the contravention listed under Section 17, all of a minor nature and occur in premises occupied by family businesses and usually only employing one person. In all cases attention has been promised by the employer.

With regard to the contravention under Section 17 this involves the provision of a suitable guard to the blade of a power operated slicing machine. The machine is of foreign origin and as far as can be ascertained the manufacturers do not make a suitable guard for this machine. The matter has been referred to H.M. Inspector of Factories and in the meantime the employer has undertaken to ensure that no member of his staff uses the machine.

(C) Exemptions Number of applications received ... ... ... Nil

Number of applications granted ... ... ... Nil

(D) Prosecutions Number instituted and completed during the year Nil

(E) Reported Accidents

| Workplace | Number Reported | Total Number Investigated | Action Recommended | | | No Action |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Prosecution | Formal Warning | Informal Advice | |
| Offices | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Retail Shops | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Catering establishments open to public, canteens | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fuel Storage Depots | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS: | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

Analysis of Reported Accidents

| | Offices | Retail Shops | Wholesale Warehouses | Catering establishments open to public, canteens | Fuel Storage Depots |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Machinery | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transport | - | - | - | - | - |
| Falls of persons | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Stepping on or striking against object or person | - | - | - | - | - |
| Handling goods | - | - | - | - | - |
| Struck by falling object | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fires and Explosions | - | - | - | - | - |
| Electricity | - | - | - | - | - |
| Use of hand tools | - | - | - | - | - |
| Not otherwise specified | - | - | - | - | - |

## HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices:

| | Section 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act 1957 | | Public Health and similar Local Acts | | Totals | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Informal | Formal | Informal | Formal | Informal | Formal |
| (a) By owner | - | 5 | 87 | 2 | 87 | 7 |
| (b) By Local Authority | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals: | - | 5 | 87 | 2 | 87 | 7 |

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957

Number of (i) Undertakings accepted (section 16) ... ... ... 18

(ii) Closing Orders made (section 17) ... ... ... 5

(iii) Demolition Orders made (section 17) ... ... ... 1

(iv) Closing Orders made (section 18) ... ... ... -

(v) Closing Orders determined (section 27) ... ... -

(vi) Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (section 28) ... ... ... -

(vii) Houses demolished following Demolition Orders ... -

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during Year ... ... ... ... ... ... ... Nil

(2) Action taken during the Year

(i) Houses demolished by Local Authorities or Owners

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | (a) Unfit ... ... ... | - |
| | (b) Others ... ... ... | - |
| (ii) Number of peoples displaced | (a) Individuals ... ... | 17 |
| | (b) Families ... ... | 8 |

(3) Purchase of houses by agreement ... ... ... ... ... ... Nil

(D) Improvment Grants

(1) Standard

| | | Owner/Occupiers | Tenanted |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) | Number of applications received | 20 | 23 |
| (ii) | Number of applications approved | 19 | 18 |
| (iii) | Number of applications refused | - | - |
| (iv) | Number of dwellings improved | 16 | 16 |
| | | £. s. d. | |
| (v) | Amount paid in grants | 5,617. 0. 0. | |
| (vi) | Average grant per house | 175.10. 7. | |
| (vii) | Amenities provided (a) fixed bath | 28 | |
| | (b) shower | - | |
| | (c) wash hand basin | 29 | |
| | (d) hot water supply (to any fittings) | 31 | |
| | (e) water closet (1) within dwelling | 26 | |
| | (2) accessible from dwelling | - | |
| | (f) food store | 24 | |

(2) Discretionary

| | | Owner/Occupiers | Tenanted |
|---|---|---|---|
| (i) | Number of applications received | 1 | 3 |
| (ii) | Number of applications approved | 1 | 3 |
| (iii) | Number of applications refused | - | - |
| (iv) | Number of dwellings improved | - | 6 |

| | | £. | s. | d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (v) | Amount paid in grants | 2,400 | 0. | 0. |
| (vi) | Average grant per house | 400 | 0. | 0. |

(E) Improvement Areas - Housing Act 1964

(1) Number of Areas (a) Surveyed ... ... ... ... ... Nil

(b) Declared ... ... ... ... ... Nil

(2) Dwellings outside improvement area

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | Number of representations made by tenants ... ... | 4 |
| (ii) | Number of preliminary notices served ... ... ... | 4 |
| (iii) | Number of undertakings accepted ... ... ... | 1 |
| (iv) | Number of immediate improvement notices served ... | 3 |
| (v) | Number of such dwellings improved | |
| | (a) full standard ... ... | - |
| | (b) reduced standard ... ... | - |

(F) Houses in Multiple Occupation

No houses falling into this category were inspected during the year.

Land Charge Enquiries

Information is submitted to the Clerk concerning properties where statutory or informal action under the Public Health or Housing Acts has been taken, also matters relating to action taken under the Rent Act 1957.

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1967)

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of site licences issued ... ... ... ... ... ... | 7 |
| Total number of caravans permitted on licensed sites ... ... | 42 |
| Number of sites licensed for Movable Dwellings (other than caravans) ... | 1* |

*This site is located at Castle Fields, Ashurst. Six portable buildings are in use as temporary accommodation at week-ends between 1st April and 1st October.

Common Loding Houses

| | |
|---|---|
| Number registered in District ... ... ... ... ... ... | Nil |

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### 1. Milk Supplies

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of registered distributors | ... ... ... ... ... | 36 |
| Number of registered dairies - Wholesale | ... ... ... ... | - |
| Retail | ... ... ... ... | - |

#### Milk Sampling

Sampling is carried out by officers of the Kent County Council.

### 2. Ice Cream

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of premises registered - (a) for the manufacture of ice cream | ... | Nil |
| (b) for the sale of ice cream | ... ... | 97 |

Results of samples taken:

| | |
|---|---|
| Grade 1 | 81 |
| Grade 2 | 7 |
| Grade 3 | 1 |
| Grade 4 | - |

### 3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

| Classification | No. on Register |
|---|---|
| Cooked Meats | 17 |
| Sausages | 18 |

4. Slaughterhouses

Number in District ... ... ... ... ... ... 3

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

| | Cattle excluding cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs | Goats |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number killed | 2,089 | 234 | 438 | 14,252 | 23,279 | 1 |
| Number inspected | 2,089 | 234 | 438 | 14,252 | 23,279 | 1 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | - | - | 4 | 9 | 40 | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 309 | 10 | 10 | 1,225 | 4,173 | 1 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | 14.8 | 4.27 | 2.28 | 8.59 | 17.93 | 100 |
| Tuberculosis only | | | | | | |
| Whole carcases condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | .02 | - |
| Cysticercosis | | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 8 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | 8 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

Number of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year ... ... 6

Number of new licences issued during the year ... ... ... ... 1

5. Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

| CATEGORY OF TRADE | Number in District | Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (wash basins) | Number to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks, etc.) | Number fitted to comply with Reg. 19 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cafes, restaurants, canteens | 41 | 41 | 41 | 41 |
| Bakehouses | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Butchers | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| Grocers and provision merchants | 74 | 74 | 74 | 73 |
| Confectioners | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Licensed premises | 59 | 59 | 59 | 59 |
| Fishmongers and fried fish shops | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Greengrocers and fruiterers | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Food Stalls and Vehicles | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

Major improvements were carried out at two restaurants and one bakehouse premises. All three premises were also provided with modern equipment. Works of repair and renewal of floors and wall surfaces were completed at a number of butchers premises.

Action was taken in respect of two food vehicles operating from within the district to secure compliance with The Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Tonbridge Rural District during the year ended the 31st December, 1967

| | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|---|---|---|
| Milk ... ... ... ... ... ... ... | 26 | 1 |
| Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese) | 4 | 1 |
| Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes | 4 | - |
| Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals ... ... | 15 | - |
| Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials | 4 | - |
| Jams, preserves, honey, jellies ... ... | 2 | - |
| Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables ... ... | 9 | - |
| Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments ... ... | 2 | - |
| Drugs, medicines ... ... ... ... ... | 8 | - |
| Beer, wines, spirits ... ... ... ... | 6 | - |
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... ... ... | 3 | - |
| | 83 | 2 |

### Unsatisfactory Samples

Cheese Spread Cocktail Cubes - Slight deterioration in one of eight cubes. Stock withdrawn.

Milk Pasteurised Extra Quality - Claim for "quality" not justified. Retailer contacted.

7. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the district ... ... Nil

8. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

| | Tons | Cwt. | Qrs. | lbs. | ozs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Meat | 17 | 12 | 2 | 15 | 13 |
| Tinned Foods | - | 3 | - | 6 | - |
| Other Food | 410 | 3 | - | - | 11 |

All meat condemned at the slaughterhouse is coloured with the approved dye before removal for rendering into animal feed or fertilizer. All the other condemned foods are taken to the Council's refuse dump for burial.

The large quantity of other food referred to above was condemned in fruit grading factories in the District. The fruit and vegetables were mainly from imported consignments and condemnation certificates were issued for the various quantities rejected as unfit for human consumption.

9. Food Poisoning

Six cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. The infection in one case was due to Salmonella Panama, and the causative organism in the other five was Salmonella Typhi-murium. Two of the cases were treated in hospital, the home address of one patient being outside the Rural District.